

Welcome Back

Exactly 10 years ago the LSU Medical Center Library published its last newsletter. It has been a good 10 years; many changes have occurred, one of which is the appearance of this newsletter in a non-traditional format. With our new web-based format, we are able to bring you the most current news without restrictions due to printing and mailing costs. We welcome back the newsletter as a means of staying in touch with the faculty, staff, and students.

In this issue we will bring you up-to-date on the entire range of library services, from traditional to the latest technology has to offer. Read articles about the changes that have taken place this past decade -- the Library's new web-based integrated library system and databases, the availability of full-text journals, and our bibliographic instruction classes -- as well as staff news, and tips for using internet resources via our Homepage.

New services are being planned, and as they are implemented, you will be notified through this means of communication. In the meantime, I encourage you to call, come by, or visit the Library in person or through our Homepage (a link is available at the bottom of the "Contents" frame). Our mission is to serve your research and informational needs, and we are here ready and willing to serve.

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Decade of Change

In the ten years since the last *Library Bulletin* was issued, the Library has experienced a number of changes. The most significant change was the migration from an entirely paper existence to an automated future. From our physical location to the services provided, the library is constantly evolving. Necessarily the ways in which our patrons use the library have evolved as well.

The following is a list of the highlights of the library's decade of change:

1988 Technical services begins processing monographs via an online system (NOTIS - mainframe based).

1989 Resource Center Library opens. (Libraries at 1542 Tulane Avenue and the Medical Education Building merged.)

Automated card catalog is made available to the public (NOTIS - mainframe based).

Grand Opening of the Resource Center Library is celebrated.

1990 MEDLINE is available to the public at library terminals (NOTIS - mainframe based).

1991 Resource Center Library is dedicated in the name of former director John P. Isché.

Card catalog is closed. All new material is entered into the online catalog only.

1993 The conversion of paper catalog records to automated catalog records is complete. All library materials are available for public use via online catalog.

1994 All monographic (book) and serial (journal) records are barcoded in preparation for automated check out.

1997 Web-based database searching via OVID is available.

Conversion of the library catalog from mainframe to enhanced web INNOPAC is completed.

1998 All library processes are automated (Acquisitions, Cataloging, Circulation, and Serials).

Card catalog is removed.

The *Library Bulletin* is published for the first time in 10 years.

We continue to evolve in an effort to provide the best possible service to the LSUMC community today and in the future.

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Late Breaking News

Library Participates in LALINC

The LSUMC Libraries are pleased to announce that they are in the process of becoming a full LALINC (Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium) partner. Our participation with this state-wide group will allow limited circulation privileges at other member universities for LSUMC graduate-level students, faculty, and staff in good standing. A LALINC card will be issued by the LSUMC patron's home library.

Announcements will be posted in the Library and on our Homepage when all details of this arrangement have been finalized. We expect to have this new service fully operational by November at the latest. For more information, please contact Jennifer Lloyd at 568-5550 or by email (jlloyd@lsumc.edu *link removed*).

Participating universities in the New Orleans area include:

- **Delgado Community** -- *Faculty and Staff only*
- **Dillard University**
- **Holy Cross College**
- **Loyola University**
- **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**
- **Notre Dame Seminary** -- *Faculty and Staff only*
- **Nunez Community College**
- **Southern University of New Orleans**
- **Tulane University -- Uptown Library** -- *Faculty and Staff only*

LSUMC Faculty and Graduate-level students have circulation privileges at the Tulane Medical Library through a separate agreement.

- **University of New Orleans**
- **Xavier University**

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Library Computer Systems

A question often heard by the Library Staff since last summer when we transferred our system for searching MEDLINE and CINAHL to the new World Wide Web (WWW) based product is "What does OVID stand for?"

Actually OVID is not an acronym. The system is named for the Roman poet and author of *Metamorphoses*, as the company's publicity explains:

So why the name, Ovid? According to company founder and president Mark Nelson, the names Ovid Technologies and Ovid software are symbolic of the company's affinity to growth and change, insofar as they reference their Roman namesake, the poet Ovid (43 BC--AD 17), whose magnum opus, *Metamorphoses*, celebrates change.

"The name occurred to me in 1992 when we were developing an extremely enhanced version of CD Plus software," said Nelson. "I remembered a line in *Metamorphoses* -

Partimque figuras retullit antiquas, partim nova monstra creavit

- which means,

We took part of the old and built something new and wondrous.

And in my opinion, this short Latin phrase represents our software perfectly, as well as our commitment to innovation in an industry that changes so frequently."

The Library chose OVID because of its quality, its WWW interface, and because it would provide the widest possible access. New features include enhanced use of Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) consisting of automatic "mapping" and suggestion of subject headings and subheadings in addition to the keywords the user has entered. Simplified ability to limit searches by commonly occurring attributes such as language of article, age group, publication types, and human or animal subjects is another enhancement. Output methods simplify printing through your browser and saving citations to a diskette and enable e-mailing of citations or the full text of articles.

Besides a more powerful and easier to use interface, we have been able to offer more years of MEDLINE coverage. Previously we had only the current year and the last four years of this important database. With OVID we offer MEDLINE from 1966 to the present and monthly updates supplemented by 15 full-text medical journals. OVID continues to offer CINAHL, as did our previous system.

With OVID we can offer a wider variety of databases including: BioethicsLine, HealthSTAR (health services technology, administration and research), CancerLit, PsycINFO (also known as PsycLIT), and ERIC (education).

One feature we lost is the ability to link to the Library's holdings within a MEDLINE search and determine whether or not the LSUMC Library owns the journal containing the retrieved article. We are working with OVID to re-establish this link, but in the meantime it is very simple to switch to our new catalog, INNOPAC, and check to see if a journal is owned.

The name INNOPAC comes from the company producing the software, Innovative Interfaces, Inc., combined with OPAC, which stands for online public access catalog. The catalog allows you to determine if the Library has a certain book or if we subscribe to a particular journal. It replaced the old mainframe-based NOTIS system, which replaced the printed card catalog.

Books may be searched in INNOPAC by title, authors, Medical Subject Heading, by combining the author's name with title words, and by keywords which allows the user to combine words from the titles, series, subjects, and notes. If the item you need is in our collection, the record will show the call number and location. If the book or journal is checked out, the due date will display. It is still necessary for you to call us if you wish to be notified when a book or journal is returned.

You may determine if we own a certain journal by selecting the "List of Journals" option on the menu screen. Not only will the catalog tell you if we have a current subscription, but it will indicate whether we received the journal at one time but no longer do. New features include information on the latest issue received for a journal owned by the Library as well as, information on the date due if a journal is checked out. For journals that have been sent to the bindery, the date they are due back in the Library is available in INNOPAC also. The Library adds links to full-text when we know these exist and are available to the Library free of charge.

All of these search functions are available because the catalog is part of a larger "integrated" system wherein all of the functions of the Library are coordinated. From the time a book is ordered until it reaches the shelf, it can be tracked through INNOPAC. The system also generates notices for overdue items, and it allows us to easily count the number of times a book or journal is used within the library without being checked out.

You may have noticed that we no longer require you to sign two cards when you check out an item. Last summer we began attaching barcodes to faculty, student, and staff identification cards. The process is simple; you just fill out a registration form, and we put a barcode sticker on your ID. We encourage everyone to register with the Library to make using your Library privileges quicker and easier. If you have any questions about this process, please call the Circulation Desk at 568-6100.

We think that OVID and INNOPAC offer our faculty, students, and staff access to the majority of the information sources that they need. To help fill the inevitable gap, from our Homepage we provide access to an assortment of other databases and information sources. Articles in future issues of the newsletter will discuss these databases.

Both OVID and INNOPAC can be accessed through the Library's Homepage (to access, see link at the bottom of the "Contents" frame).

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Library Systems Classes

The LSUMC Libraries provide access via the OVID web interface to a number of health science databases. Searching the databases, while not complicated, may appear overwhelming to anyone unfamiliar with OVID. Classes are scheduled as a way to educate our users in a hands-on group setting. Classes focus on particular aspects of the OVID system which will strengthen your searching techniques and ultimately help you retrieve citations to the most relevant resources.

Isché Library

The reference librarians at the Isché Library offer general library systems classes each month to LSUMC personnel. Classes are 1 to 1½ hours long and are a good way to learn the library systems in a classroom setting. Instruction is given on accessing, searching, and retrieving bibliographic information from the web-based databases for use in research and teaching. We also provide instruction on using the Innopac catalog to find books and journals that are available in the Library.

We recommend that all LSUMC faculty schedule library instruction as part of their curricula. We are anxious to work with the faculty to schedule classes that would coincide with course topics and research papers. Please call the reference office 568-6102, or email Mary Marix (mmarix@lsumc.edu *link removed*) or Kathy Kerdolff (kkerdo@lsumc.edu *link removed*) to schedule these classes.

Special systems classes are also provided to all LSUMC personnel on a request basis. These classes may be topic or database specific, must have at least 3 people, and need to be scheduled at least a week ahead of time to secure the use of the computer classroom. Additional classes are being developed and will be offered to the LSUMC community as soon as the course content is finalized. Announcements about these new classes will be posted on the Library's Homepage as well as in future issues of the newsletter.

Library systems point-of-contact help and instruction are available in the Isché Library from the reference librarians Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone assistance is also available during these times (568-6102).

--Kathy Kerdolff

Using the Library Homepage

To new users, the World Wide Web can appear to be intimidating. With the wealth of information on the web, it is often hard to find what you need. Judging the usefulness of a site after it is found can be even more difficult. The LSUMC Library Homepage not only provides access to the library's computer systems, but it is also a great starting point for exploring the web. Whether you are looking for health-sciences information or New Orleans entertainment listings, links are available to over 140 sites, all of which are reviewed by library staff.

On the main page there are links to MEDLINE database systems in addition to the informational links about the Library and the Innopac catalog. There is also a connection simply entitled [Links](#), through which you can find additional general and health-related sites grouped by [broad subject headings](#). The majority of the sites listed are health-science related. However, under [Search Engines, General](#), you can "surf the web." You'll find that each search engine has slightly different search techniques; just click on an individual engine's "help" button for a quick summary of the rules.

Under [Bibliographic and Full-Text Databases](#), sites of interest include the *Community of Science Web Server*, where the Federal Register and patents can be accessed, and the *Combined Health Information Database* (CHID online), where health promotion and public health education materials are indexed. Topics covered in CHID online range from AIDS education to weight control. Under the [Grants](#) area, a search can be done using the form provided on the *National Institute of Health's* fundsearch webpage. The *World Health Organization's* site (listed under the [Health Science Resource](#) section) contains World Health Reports from 1995 to 1998 and other publications issued by the organization in recent years. Other health-sciences sites are grouped together in the [Medical and Biomedical Resources](#), [Nursing Resources](#), and [Pharmaceutical Resources](#) sections. Also consult the [Search Engines, Health](#) section for links to sites geared to locating health information on the web.

Other links of particular interest include the *Tulane Rudolph Matas Memorial Library* and the *Fellowship and Residency Electronic Interactive Database Access System (FREIDA)*. Using the Tulane Matas Library link (under [Libraries](#)), you can now access their new web-based Tulanet Voyager catalog and check the current journal holdings in their collection. FREIDA is found under the [Medical and Biomedical Resources](#) heading. It is also known as the AMA Graduate Medical Education Directory ("Green Book") Online. FREIDA allows you to locate residency, fellowship, and other specialty programs in the U.S.A.

Under the [Local Interest](#) area there are many sites pertaining to Louisiana and New Orleans. There are links to popular New Orleans publications such as *Offbeat* and *Gambit*. Also included are the *Gumbo Pages*, *NOLA Live*, and *Louisiana Resources on the Internet*, which cover New Orleans culture. If you need information about New Orleans area government, business, or tourism, click on the *Greater New Orleans Free Net* link. Visit the official State of Louisiana webpage, *Info Louisiana*, for census data, tourism links, and general information.

As you explore other links, you will discover that it is easy to navigate the Internet. The Library's Homepage is designed to help you use our resources. In future issues we will highlight a single featured website of interest to our patrons. If you would like to recommend a site for us to consider adding to the Homepage, please contact us.

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Selected Sites of Interest -- Subject Areas

- Bibliographic and Full-Text Databases
- Copyright
- Directories, People
- Electronic Journals
- General Reference
- Grants
- Health Science Resources
- Internet References and Providers
- Libraries
- Local Interest
- Medical and Biomedical Resources
- Nursing Resources
- Pharmaceutical Resources
- Search Engines, General
- Search Engines, Health
- Search Engines, Images

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Full-Text Journals

The Library is currently providing access to the full text of more than 225 journals via links in the online catalog, INNOPAC. We subscribe to these full-text publications in several ways. First, some materials are available free over the internet from the federal government; second, the Library purchases the OVID Core Biomedical Collection; and third, some full-text materials are available as an addition to existing library print publications or via the Library's participation in Louisiana's academic library network (LOUIS).

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Links to the full text of some journals are available from the Library's online catalog. To connect, use the Library's Homepage (a link to the Library's page is available at the bottom of the "Contents" frame) and choose Innopac. Access to an alphabetic list of materials with full-text is also available from the Library's Homepage. In some cases, the link from the catalog to the online resource is cumbersome; please be sure to read the directions carefully. There are over 225 links to online resources now, and the number is growing. In most cases the full text will be available only from computers on the LSUMC.EDU domain or will require a user-id and password.

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There are 15 journals available through the OVID Core Biomedical Collection. To connect, go to the Library's Homepage and choose OVID. OVID requires a user-id and password (the same one you use to login to the LSUMC network). If you are physically in the library, a default login is available. A list of databases is presented; the Core Biomedical Collection is the last one listed. Journals available in the OVID Core Biomedical Collection are:

- The American Journal of Medicine
- The American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology
- The American Journal of Surgery
- The Annals of Internal Medicine
- The Archives of General Psychiatry
- The British Medical Journal
- The Canadian Medical Association Journal
- Circulation
- JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association
- The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (American Volume)
- The Journal of Clinical Investigation
- The Lancet
- The New England Journal of Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Science

All graphics, tables, figures, and photographs are accessible via the OVID interface. The Core Biomedical Collection covers these titles from 1993 to the present and is fully integrated with OVID MEDLINE. (If a search is run in OVID MEDLINE and a full-text link exists, it will appear in the "Titles Display.")

IAC (Information Access Company) Searchbank

The Library also subscribes to six IAC SearchBank databases via Louisiana's academic library network (LOUIS). These databases provide access to a variety of full-text titles. (Links to the titles owned by LSUMC are provided in INNOPAC.) To connect to the SearchBank, use the Library's Homepage, choose Additional Databases, and then InfoTrac. To use the IAC databases, your computer must connect from the LSUMC domain. The Health Reference Center-Academic is considered to be of the most interest to the LSUMC community. It provides the full-text of 150 journal titles, as well as pamphlets and other materials. The collection includes clinical medicine, nursing, and allied health titles and consumer health materials. A list of the titles available on Health Reference Center-Academic is available from a link to the IAC homepage at <http://www.iacnet.com/library/html/journalists.html> *link removed*.

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Judith Caruthers Retires

We would like to pay tribute to Judith Caruthers, retired Director of the Medical Center Libraries. A familiar face to many members of the LSUMC community, Judith served with dedication for more than 20 years. She received her MLS from LSU-Baton Rouge and did doctoral work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Judith began her library career at LSUMC as a library associate in 1971. She served as a reference librarian, interlibrary loan librarian, and head of reference before being appointed director in 1986 and earning tenure in 1990.

Not only is Judith valued at LSUMC, but she is also a well-respected member of the general library community. She served as a consultant for the establishment of the Southeastern and Southwestern Louisiana Area Health Education Centers and was a visiting professor at the School of Library and Information Science at LSU-Baton Rouge for several years. Judith is a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level and belongs to the Medical Library Association, its South Central Chapter, and the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana.

Judith's contributions to the Medical Center reached beyond the scope of her work at the library. During the 1970s she joined a spirited group of other faculty, staff, and students and played the flute in the LSU Medical Center Band. In 1996 New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial commended Judith for her involvement in the restoration of a frieze by noted local artist Enrique Alferez. The frieze had been in the Medical School Building since its opening in 1931 and was to be removed during the building's renovation. Because she worked to ensure that this important work of art would be saved, Morial declared November 8, 1996 as Judith Caruthers Day.

Illness forced Judith to step down as director in September 1997. We miss her and wish her our very best.

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Staff Achievements

Because the library has not had an official publication for the last decade, we could not let the LSUMC community know about the achievements and honors of our staff. Therefore, we've selected a few highlights to recognize the extraordinary work effort of our staff.

Carolyn Bridgewater earned a Masters degree in Library and Information Science in 1992 and a Masters in Social Work in 1997.

Elizabeth Dean was recognized for 20 years of service to LSUMC and the library.

Pauline Fulda is a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level. She has also served as the secretary of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

Kathryn Kerdolff is a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals. She has served as chair of the Medical Library Association's Scholarship Jury and as the editor for the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana (HSLAL) Newsletter.

Jennifer Lloyd earned her Masters degree in Library and Information Science in 1995. She received the Rittenhouse award from the Medical Library Association the following year.

Ann Macomber, professor emerita, was named a Fellow of the Medical Library Association in May 1989. This honor is awarded to those individuals who have significantly contributed to the field of medical librarianship.

Mary Marix is a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level. She has served as the chair for the Nursing and Allied Health Research Section (NAHRS) of the Medical Library Association.

Jean Rouse was awarded one of the 1998 Pfizer Excellence Awards by the LSUMC Foundation. She has been recognized for 35 years of service to the library.

Tanya Sanchez earned her Masters degree in History in August 1998.

Elizabeth Strother was awarded honorary membership into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Dental Honor Society; only one non-dentist is inducted each year. She is also a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level. She currently serves as the second vice-president of the Louisiana Library Association.

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Publishing Information

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All current LSUMC faculty, staff, and students should be receiving an automatic announcement about the availability of a new issue. If you are not receiving announcements about new issues of the newsletter, or if you are not a current member of the LSUMC community and would like to receive these announcements, please contact Jennifer Lloyd at jlloyd@lsumc.edu *link removed*.

Archived copies of the newsletter may be found via the LSUMC Library's homepage at <http://www.lsumc.edu/campus/library/no-lib.htm> *link removed*.

Additionally, the LSUMC Dental Branch Library publishes its own newsletter, the *Library Explorer*. Copies are archived via the [LSUMC Dental Library homepage](#) *link removed* under *Library Explorer*.

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